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PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

DRAFT RESOLUTION 1328 OF 29TH NOVEMBER

USUN REQUESTS VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT
RESOLUTION QUOTED BELOW INTRODUCED BY ICELAND
NOV 30 AND CO-SPONSORED BY ARGENTINA, CHILE, EGYPT,
KENYA, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, PERU, UNITED REPUBLIC
OF TANZANIA AND VENEZUELA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
REITERATING THAT THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF EACH STATE
TO THE FULL EXERCISE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS
NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY RECOGNIZED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS OF
VARIOUS ORGANIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
REITERATING ALSO THAT AN INTRINSIC CONDITION OF THE
EXERCISE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY STATE IS THAT IT BE
EXERCISED FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY OVER ALL ITS NATURAL
RESOURCES WHETHER FOUND ON LAND OR IN THE SEA,
REAFFIRMING THE INVOLABLE PRINCIPLE THAT EVERY COUNTRY
HAS THE RIGHT TO ADOPT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM WHICH
IT DEEMS MOST FAVOURABLE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT,
RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1803(XVII) OF 14 DECEMBER
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1962, A2158 (XXI) OF 25 NOVEMBER 1966, 2386 (XXIII)

OF 19 NOVEMBER 1968, 2625 (XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970, 2692 (XXV) OF 11 DECEMBER 1970, AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 330 (1973) OF 21 MARCH 1973 CONCERNING PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, MINDFUL IN PARTICULAR OF ITS RESOLUTION 3016 (XXVII) WHICH PROCLAIMS THAT NO STATE MAY USE OR ENCOURAGE THE USE OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF MEASURE TO COERCE ANOTHER STATE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FROM IT THE SUBORDINATION OF THE EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OR TO SECURE FROM IT ADVANTAGES OF ANY KIND, CONSIDERING THAT THE FULL EXERCISE BY EACH STATE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES IS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AND THAT THIS EXERCISE REQUIRES THAT ACTION BY STATES AIMED AT ACHIEVING A BETTER UTILIZATION AND USE OF THOSE RESOURCES MUST COVER ALL STAGES, FROM EXPLORATION TO MARKETING, TAKING NOTE OF CHAPTER VII OF THE ECONOMIC DECLARATION OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, TAKING NOTE ALSO OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES (E/-5425 AND CORR. 1 AND E/5425/ADD.1),

1. STRONGLY REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF STATES TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, ON LAND WITHIN THEIR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES, AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE SEA-BED, IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF AND IN THE SUPERJACENT WATERS WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL JURISDICTION;

2. SUPPORTS RESOLUTELY THE EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO REGAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES;

3. DEPLORES ACTS OF STATES WHICH USE FORCE, ARMED AGGRESSION, ECONOMIC COERCION OR ANY OTHER ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER MEANS IN RESOLVING DISPUTES CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2;

4. RE-EMPHASIZES THAT ACTIONS, MEASURES OR LEGISLATIVE REGULATIONS BY STATES AIMED AT COERCING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER STATES OR PEOPLES ENGAGED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REORGANIZATION OF THEIR INTERNAL STRUCTURE OR IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, BOTH ON LAND AND IN THEIR COASTAL WATERS, ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE DECLARATION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 2625(XXV) AND CONTRADICT THE TARGETS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICY MEASURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AND THAT TO PERSIST

THEREIN COULD CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY;

5. DRAWS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DECLARATION ON
PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS
AND CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EMPHASIZES THE DUTY
OF ALL STATES TO REFRAIN IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
FROM MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC OR ANY OTHER FORM
OF COERCION AIMED AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
ANY STATE AND THE EXERCISE OF ITS NATIONAL JURISDICTION;

6. RECOGNIZES THAT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS
IN WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN PROTECT THEIR
NATURAL RESOURCES IS TO ESTABLISH, PROMOTE OR STRENGTHEN
MACHINERY FOR CO-OPERATION AMONG THEM WHICH HAS AS ITS
MAIN PURPOSE TO CONCERT PRICING POLICIES, TO IMPROVE
CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO MARKETS, TO CO-ORDINATE PRODUCTION
POLICIES AND, THUS, TO GUARANTEE THE FULL EXERCISE OF
SOVEREIGNTY BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER THEIR NATURAL
RESOURCES;

7. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-
SIXTH SESSION, TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND FURTHER REQUESTS
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENT TO THAT
REPORT IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE
AT THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL AND ANY OTHER
RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS, AND TO SUBMIT THAT SUPPLEMENT TO
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION.

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